**Claims:** *Please amend the claims according to the status designations in the following list, which contains all claims that were ever in the application, with the text of all active claims.*

Claims 1.-15. (CANCELED)

Claim 16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An intelligent agent for informing network nodes of one or more events associated with a website comprising:

    (a) a set of rules to which said intelligent agent refers for its operation,

    (b) first means for said intelligent agent detecting <u>immediately</u> that said <u>one or more</u> events have occurred,

    (c) second means for said intelligent agent discerning one or more network nodes with which to communicate, <u>and</u>

    (d) third means for said intelligent agent ~~notifying~~ <u>transmitting to</u> said network nodes <u>notifications</u> about said events.~~, and~~

    ~~(e) fourth means for said network nodes receiving and processing the notification of said events whereby said network nodes obtain notification of said events associated with said website in a timely and organized manner.~~

Claim 17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein one or more of said network nodes respond to the notifications by said intelligent agent.

Claim 18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein said intelligent agent informs network nodes of events associated with a subset of said website.

Claim 19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein said intelligent agent informs network nodes of events relating to the content of said website.

Claim 20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein the network communication is performed in a secured manner.

Claim 21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein said intelligent agent operates on a portable device.

Claim 22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein a plurality of
said intelligent agents is associated with said website.

Claim 23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein said intelligent
agent is associated with a plurality of said websites.

Claim 24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein said intelligent
agent performs an operation from the group consisting of filtering, blocking, enhancing,
reformatting and modifying information.

Claim 25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein the network
communication is oriented towards e-commerce an e-commerce application receives said
notifications.

Claim 26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein the network
communication is oriented towards digital rights management a digital rights management
application receives said notifications.

Claim 27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 16 wherein said intelligent
agent also comprises a means for activating said intelligent agent to operate on behalf of a website.

Claim 28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An intelligent agent for informing network nodes of one or
more events associated with a database comprising:
   (a) a set of rules to which said intelligent agent refers for its operation,
   (b) first means for said intelligent agent detecting immediately that said one or more events have
       occurred,
   (c) second means for said intelligent agent discerning one or more network nodes with which to
       communicate, and
   (d) third means for said intelligent agent notifying transmitting to said network nodes notifications
       about said one or more events., and
   (e) fourth means for said network nodes receiving and processing the notification of said events
       whereby said network nodes obtain notification of said events associated with said database in
       a timely and organized manner.

Claim 29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 28 wherein said intelligent agent performs an operation from the group consisting of filtering, blocking, enhancing, reformatting and modifying information.

Claim 30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An intelligent agent for informing network nodes of one or more events associated with a network presence comprising:

(a) a set of rules to which said intelligent agent refers for its operation,

(b) first means for said intelligent agent detecting immediately that said one or more events have occurred,

(c) second means for said intelligent agent discerning one or more network nodes with which to communicate, and

(d) third means for said intelligent agent notifying transmitting to said network nodes notifications about said one or more events., and

(e) fourth means for said network nodes receiving and processing the notification of said events whereby said network nodes obtain notification of said events associated with said network presence in a timely and organized manner.

Claim 31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 30 wherein the network communication is performed in a secured manner.

Claim 32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The intelligent agent of Claim 30 wherein the network communication is oriented towards e-commerce an e-commerce application receives said notifications.

Claim 33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The intelligent agent of Claim 30 wherein the network communication is oriented towards digital rights management a digital rights management application receives said notifications.

Claim 34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The intelligent agent of Claim 30 wherein said intelligent agent performs an operation from the group consisting of filtering, blocking, enhancing, reformatting and modifying information.

Claim 35. (NEW) The intelligent agent of Claim 30 wherein said one or more events relate to content access.

Claim 36. (NEW) The intelligent agent of Claim 30 wherein said one or more events relate to the content change.

Claim 37. (NEW) The intelligent agent of Claim 30 wherein said notifications contain additional information about the said one or more events.

Claim 38. (NEW) The intelligent agent of Claim 37 wherein said notifications contain metadata and said one or more events are content changes.

Claim 39. (NEW) The intelligent agent of Claim 38 wherein said metadata provides a summary of the content.